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RUMORS FROM TOSK

1. RE: HOUSE-RULES: HR 10, under the Lakofka System, should read, "...a stamped, self-addressed postcard..."

2. FAKIR is a wicked parody of WAZIR which some evil person has just published. I deny any responsibility for it. Notwithstanding, I have obtained some extra copies and will send you one for 10¢ if you request it.

3. DALARNA, the game which appeared last issue, was also published separately and may be purchased for 15¢.

4. BUSHWACKER, Fred C. Davis, Jr., 5307 Carriage Ct., Baltimore MD 21229, is looking for mature players who don't drop out. It will carry variant games @\$5.00. The games are: Abstraction [a revision of Aberration I, which once appeared in ZOTHIQUE], Germany vs. the World [which we published in #39], and Atlantica [a primarily naval Diplomacy variant centered on the Atlantic ocean; powers: England, Germany, Italy, France, Canada, United States, and Confederate States, in 1870]. Rules/maps from Fred, 50¢ each; portfolio of 3 for \$1.00. Fred is a highly respected gamer of long standing, and I strongly recommend his 'zine.

1970DEC -- EASTERN POWERS HEADED FOR THE LAST ROUND-UP

Summer 1907: Supply centers lost by Spring or Summer Raid are noted as follows: ~~Wah~~ (by the losing player's name).

AUSTRIA (Andrus?) (~~Wah~~): NMR. 9A Smy /h/ (-1), 20DA Sev /h/ (-2), 20DA Rum /h/ (-2). See bottom, page 2.

ENGLAND (Powell) (~~Wah~~): 10Bal-Mal (-3) S by 9A Den (7F Bal /r/ [-5] /Pru, Dan, d/), 10F Hel-Jut, 10F Cly-Lpl.

FRANCE (Keathley): 20DA Bur-Mun /imp/, 20DA Pie-Trl, 7F Mid-Iri, 20DA Kie-Ber, 20DA Mun-Sil, 20DA Pic-Bel.

ITALY (Pandin): 10A Trl-Vie, 10F Tyn H, 10A Nap-Gre C by 10F Ion, 20DA Cyr-Egy, 10F Men-Rho (-3), 20DA Ser H, 20DA Vie-Gal S by 20DA Bud.

RUSSIA (civ.dis.; Harry Gullett resigns) (~~Wah~~, ~~Wah~~, ~~Wah~~): 18DA Sib /h/ (-2) /d/, 18DA War /h/ (-2), 9A Nar /h/ (-1).

SWEDEN (Seman): 20DA Van-Nwy, 20DA Sto-Van, 10A Ira-Arm, 10F Mal-Bal (-1) S by 10F Kal, 10F Rig-Aal, 20DA StP-Sib (-2), 7F Lpl-Wal. (Opps--~~Wah~~, ~~Wah~~, ~~Wah~~).

TURKEY (White) (~~Wah~~, ~~Wah~~): 5F Aeg MS 5F Rho (5F Rho -1). Mr. White resigns effective Fall 1907.

FALL 1907 ORDERS are due on Thursday, 24 February 1972. I regret very much the resignations of Harry Gullett and Jerry White. Harry simply has too much work to do. Jerry is living in Egypt at the moment. His mail is censored (what did you expect of a country like Sadat's Egypt?), and he deems it dangerous to receive a magazine with games in it in which Israel is a Great Power (with Cairo as a home center, yet). See bottom, page 2.

ROME (15 July 1907): Pope Cynthia has declared that this year She will visit the Holy Land. No reason was given for the trip, but there is a rumor

that a certain Swede of great reputation will be there soon. Her Holiness has been overheard saying, "Such a big, handsome man would make a perfect Father Confessor. Who could withhold ANYTHING from a man so well equipped to administer penance? Sigh...."

NUEVA ROMA (17 July 1907): Her Holiness Joan III today addressed an encyclical to Pope Cynthia: "Why-for you horny in on-a my act?"

1971Fed -- ABCD ARMIES!

Winter 1903: No room for position lists--see last issue. Standby orders for Sicily are requested from Robert Moshell, 3409 Lombard, Everett WA 98201. I've heard from Eric Just in other ways, so no Byzantine s/b needed.

Autumn Retreats: Burgundy A Hes R-Ruh, F Hel R-Ang, F Eng R-d.
Ukraine A Mus R-d.

Adjustments: BURGUNDY (Martin): NC. BYZANTINE EMPIRE (Just)(by G0s): B A Ath. HUNGARY (Keathley): B A Ven. IRELAND (Powell): NC. ISRAEL (Mannogg): B refused. POLAND (Wrobel): B A War. SICILY (Andrus): NDR. GM D F Tri. SPAIN (Tilson): B A San, F Mor. UKRAINE (Labelle): D A Pod.

SPRING 1904 ORDERS are due by Thursday, 24 February 1972. Hmmm--Perry Andrus' orders, mailed the 25th, arrived the 29th. He also D F Tri. No stand-by orders are needed. Perry's orders should have been here on time.

1971Ged -- HUNGARIAN FORCES MILL ABOUT IN CONFUSION

Spring 1903: Ben Zablocki (Poland) resigns effective F03, and is replaced by John Powell, 808 Lafayette St., Denver CO 80218. Stand-by orders for Hungary are requested from Stan Wrobel, 7 PolandVillage Blvd., Poland OH 44514. Remaining s/b players in this game: Tilson & Pandin.

BURGUNDY (Counselman): A Hag-Hes S by A Bav, A Pie S A Trl /nsu/, A Lan /h/, F Ang S SPANISH F Eng-Wes, A Hes-Hol S by F Hel, A Trl S A Bav.
BYZANTINE EMPIRE (Scott): F Ath S HUNGARIAN F Adu-Ion /nso/, A Rul-Rum, A Dam-Ier S by F Del, F Con-WBla /r//Thr, Smy, Aeg, d/.
HUNGARY (Ankrum?): NMR. A Sze, A Bud, A Vie, A Ser, F Apu /h/.
IRELAND (Keathley): F Dub-Iri S by F Nat, F Den-Hel, A Wes H /r//Cor, Wal, Yor, d/, F Nwy-Nth S by F Ska.
ISRAEL (Moshell): F Cai-Del, F Jer-Del, A Ana S UKRAINIAN F WBla-Con, A Tur-Ira, F Pvl S SICILIAN F Ion-Ath /nso/.

POLAND (Zablocki): A Cda-Mur, A Sax NG ABoh, A Sil S A Boh, A RigeSve C by E Bal, F Swa-Lat.

SICILY (Martin): F Map-Acu, A Ven H, A Tus H, F Ion-Adr, F Mal-Ion.
SPAIN (Seman): F Bri-Eng, F WMed H, F Mid-Iri*, A Gas-Bri, F Eng-Wes, F Sat-Mid. *In F02, F Mid-Nat obviously failed and should have been underlined. Otherwise, there are 2 Fs in the Nat. The order F Mid-Iri is just as legal as F Nat-Iri would have been, however, so no problem.

UKRAINE (Ruzic): A Rum-Bul, F WBla-Con, A Kie-Ode, A Tra-Rut S by A Pod, F EBlA-WBla.

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1970Def -- REVISITED: Orders from Perry Andrus arrived, postmarked 2 days before the deadline, enough time to reach here from Irvine. They are therefore accepted. Revisions to moves on page 1: AUSTRIA (Andrus): 20DA Sev-Geo, 20DA Rum-Rul, 9A Smy-Con. No changes occur in orders or supply center lists as printed on page 1.